

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

18. (Amended) An actuator assembly for use in a disc drive, comprising:

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a rigid actuator body rotatable about a pivot shaft [and having a side which extends in a direction substantially parallel to an axis of rotation of a rotatable disc of the disc drive];

a rigid actuator arm which extends from the rigid actuator body to support a read/write head adjacent a selected surface of the disc between an inner diameter and an outer diameter of the disc; and

a disc snubber affixed to the [side of the] rigid actuator body comprising a disc snubber arm which extends [adjacent] along a portion of the rigid actuator arm and adjacent an outer non-recording surface of the disc over a desired range of actuator arm motion wherein the read/write head is moved between the inner and outer diameters, the disc snubber limiting [and limits] deflection of the disc resulting from application of a non-operational shock to the disc drive to minimize contact between the disc and the rigid actuator arm.

4 21. (Amended) A disc drive, comprising:

a disc rotatable about a disc axis having a data recording surface on which data are

magnetically stored between an inner diameter and an outer diameter of the disc;

and

an actuator assembly mounted for rotation adjacent the disc, comprising:

a rigid actuator body rotatable about a pivot shaft [and having a side which  
extends in a direction substantially parallel to the disc axis];

a rigid actuator arm which extends from the rigid actuator body [over the disc

surface] to support a read/write head adjacent the [disc] data recording

surface; and

a disc snubber affixed to the [side of the] rigid actuator body comprising a disc

snubber arm which extends [adjacent] along a portion of the rigid

actuator arm and adjacent a non-recording surface at the outer diameter of  
the disc over a range of actuator arm motion wherein the read/write head is  
moved between the inner and outer diameters, the disc snubber limiting

[and limits] deflection of the disc resulting from application of a non-

operational shock to the disc drive to minimize contact between the disc

and the rigid actuator arm.

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24. (Amended) A disc drive, comprising:

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a rotatable disc; [and]

a pivotal actuator supporting a read/write head in a data reading and writing relationship  
with the disc, and

limit means supported by the actuator for limiting deflection of the disc in response to  
application of a non-operational shock to the disc drive.